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SUBJECT: OASGA GENERAL COMMITTEE ROUNDUP -
RESTRUCTURING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

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SUMMARY: OASGA GENERAL COMMITTEE WOUND UP MAIN BUSINESS APRIL 30
BY PASSING PRINCIPAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION CONTINUING
MANDATE OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND SUGGESTING SOME MEASURES TO
EXPEDITE REFORM EFFORT. ALSO PASSED US SPONSORED RESOLUTION,
WITH HELPFUL AMENDMENTS, RATIONALIZING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SUGGESTION IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S OASGA SPEECH, WORK OF
PERMANENT COUNCIL.
END SUMMARY.

1. OASGA'S GENERAL COMMITTEE HAD BEFORE IT LARGEST NUMBER OF
AGENDA ITEMS AND ALSO THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES AND IS STILL
WINDING DOWN MURKY DEBATE OVER EXPANDING REPRESENTATION
ON PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF IA-ECOSOC AND CIECC.

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COMMITTEE CONCENTRATED ON MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON AGENDA, THAT DEALING WITH RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. AFTER INITIAL PRESENTATIONS, OAS REFORM ISSUE WAS REFERRED TO LARGE, ELEVEN MEMBER WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY MEXICO'S AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA. WORKING GROUP IN LENGTHY SESSIONS EXTENDING OVER TWO DAYS, CONSIDERED FOUR RESOLUTIONS: A MEXICAN-URUGUAYAN PROPOSAL TO EXTEND AND SHAPE MANDATE OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, TWO URUGUAYAN PROPOSALS ON POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR WORK OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND ON AN ECONOMIC STATUTE OF THE AMERICAS (REPORTED EARLIER) PLUS A US PROPOSAL CONFERRING ADDITIONAL MANAGERIAL FUNCTIONS UPON PERMANENT COUNCIL.

3. QUESTION OF HOW SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHOULD PROCEED TOOK UP MOST OF THE TIME ALTHOUGH US PROPOSAL DID PRODUCE SEVERAL HOURS OF DISCUSSION IN WORKING GROUP. THE TWO URUGUAYAN DRAFTS WERE REFERRED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ALONG WITH OTHER PROPOSALS BEFORE IT.

4. IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM URUGUAYAN-MEXICAN PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE INTRODUCED VOTING REFORMS IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ALONG LINES US HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY SUPPORTED IN LIMA (I.E., A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES FOR ANY FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE). AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED ON VOTING FORMULA AND PRESENT MAJORITY ARRANGEMENTS WERE LEFT IN FORCE, SUBJECT TO EFFORTS BETWEEN NOW AND OPENING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PRODUCE ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE FORMULA.

5. MAJOR POINTS OF RESOLUTION - AND ITS ANNEX - AS FINALLY PASSED RELATED TO INTRODUCTION OF PROCEDURES OF DIALOGUE THROUGH EMPHASIS ON CLOSED WORKING GROUP SESSIONS TO TRY TO HAMMER OUT AGREEMENT BEFORE GOING PUBLIC, EMPHASIS ON RECOMMENDING MEASURES THAT CAN BE TAKEN WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF PRESENT CHARTER AS WELL AS ON REVISION OF TREATY INSTRUMENTS, AND GIVING PRIORITY TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY.

6. WE HAD SOME INITIAL TROUBLE WITH COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY QUESTION WHICH ECUADOR PROPOSED BE A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN JUNE. US AND MEXICO, EACH IN ITS OWN WAY, WERE ABLE WITH THE HELP OF COLOMBIAN FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTER VAZQUEZ TO ALTER WORDING, BASED IN PART ON FACT THAT UN CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES IS NOT YET IN BEING. FINAL WORDING GIVES EMPHASIS TO ECONOMIC MATTERS BUT PERMITS LEEWAY IN DECIDING ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN JUNE 10, AND THOUGH NOT EXPLICITLY STATED IN RESOLUTION WILL PRESUMABLY RECESS FIRST WEEK IN JULY

TO RETURN FOR FAIRLY CONTINUOUS SESSIONS UNTIL FEBRUARY 15 DEADLINE. PRESENT INTENTION IS TO HAVE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FUNCTION ON CONTINUOUS BASIS, SOMEWHAT LIKE PERMANENT COUNCIL AND AVOID INTENSIVE BURSTS OF ACTIVITY REQUIRING REPETITION OF SAME SPEECHES AT EACH STAGE. WE ARE GENERALLY SATISFIED BUT RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF IT HAD BEEN PRECISE WITH REGARD TO SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES.

8. US PROPOSAL TO RATIONALIZE WORK OF ORGANIZATION BY CONSOLIDATING A NUMBER OF WHAT ARE ESSENTIALLY MANAGERIAL FUNCTIONS TO PERMANENT COUNCIL ENCOUNTERED CHILLY RECEPTION FROM BIG LATIN COUNTRIES, I.E., MEXICO, BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA. HOWEVER, AFTER RATHER DIFFICULT BUT FRIENDLY DEBATE IN BOTH WORKING GROUP AND GENERAL COMMITTEE, AN INTERESTING ALLIANCE OF US AND SMALLER LATIN COUNTRIES EASILY PREVAILED MEXICAN AND ARGENTINE OPPOSITION WAS LARGELY PRO FORMA AND BASED ON LEGAL GROUNDS BUT BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR MACIEL ATTACKED RESOLUTION AS UNNECESSARY, SUGGESTING PRIVATELY US HAD POLITICAL MOTIVES. WE WERE EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTED BY ECUADOR, COLOMBIA, GUATEMALA AND URUGUAY AND RESOLUTION, WITH A NUMBER OF HELPFUL AMENDMENTS, PASSED SUBSTANTIVELY UNTOUCHED WITH 16 VOTE MAJORITY.

9. REMAINDER OF WORK OF GENERAL COMMITTEE, WHILE OF SOME INTEREST, DOES NOT MERIT TREATMENT IN CABLE.
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